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Detmold Schoolhouse  
Detmond Street, Lonaconing  
1870's

The public school system of Allegany County was established in 1865, but it was not until the 1870's that adequate schoolhouses were built. The Detmold Schoolhouse was built on land donated by the Maryland Coal Company. Despite the county's high rate of illiteracy, Georges' Creek miners "registered a higher rate of literacy than laborers in town or area farmers". Like most schoolhouses built in the decade, this schoolhouse is a frame structure of german siding with a hipped roof and an entrance vestibule.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Detmold Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Detmold Street

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Lonaconing  
Maryland

VICINITY OF

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Earl S. Stafford

Telephone #: 463-5023

STREET &amp; NUMBER

10 Detmold Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

VICINITY OF

Maryland STATE, zip code 21539

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 258  
Folio #: 293

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

Maryland STATE 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ GOOD            ☐ RUINS  
☒ FAIR              ☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Detmold Schoolhouse is located on Detmold Street at the southern end of Lonaconing.

The schoolhouse originally consisted of a one story, two room frame house with german siding now covered with aluminum siding. It rests on a low stone foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The high hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Eaves consist of a boxed cornice, soffit, and bedmould. A gabled vestibule and a hip roofed porch on the southeast have been enclosed. The original chimney has been removed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The public school system of Allegany County was established in 1865, but it was not until the 1870's that adequate schoolhouses were erected. (1) Until that time coal companies provided schools for the children in the Georges' Creek mining area. (2) "Once the school building program really began, the mining areas were well looked after" (3). The schoolhouses were usually built on property donated by the mining companies. (4)

The Detmold Schoolhouse was built in the late 1870's on a lot donated by the Maryland Coal Company. (5) The lot was not deeded to the Board of School Commissioners until 1899. (6) The principal of the school in 1881 was Magnus Reid who was assisted by two teachers. (7) The schoolhouse was a two classroom school. (8) Following a distinct pattern for schoolhouses located in the western part of the county this schoolhouse is a square frame structure with german siding, an entrance vestibule, and a hipped roof.

Although drastically altered the Detmold Schoolhouse remains a cultural reminder of the progress of education in Allegany County.

- (1) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Iitaca: Cornell University Press), p.109-110
- (2) Ibid, p110
- (3) Ibid, p111
- (4) Ibid, p110
- (5) Unpublished document "School Properties" Allegany County Board of Education, Cumberland, Md. p.39
- (6) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 85, Folio 607
- (7) John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.J. Everts Company). p.1356
- (8) Interview Mr. Earl Stafford, October 13, 1978.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harvey, Katherine A. Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1969  
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Allegany County Land Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 60'x120'

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**


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**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

June 15, 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STORIES: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( )

BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION: \_\_\_\_\_

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
 ( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
 ( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
 ( ) LOG  
 (☒) OTHER: Coverings aluminum MAP

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
 pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
 original( ) replaced(☒) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # \_\_\_\_\_

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick( ) Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original( ) replaced(☒)  
 Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central(☒) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door &amp; Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

USE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_

CONDITION: \_\_\_\_\_

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~~across from within tex.~~  
~~across back~~  
~~once a church~~

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5163 II SE  
(BARTON)

WESTERN 64 M.  
WILSON

4379

32'30"

4378



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DETMOULD SCHOOLHOUSE  
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DETMOLD SCHOOLHOUSE

DETMOLD ST

CONACONING

DAVID A-DORSEY

10/13/78

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